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1. SUMMARY: MEETING WITH CHAVDAR DAMYANOV AUGUST 20 PRODUCED QUICK AGREEMENT ON ALL POINTS SPECIFIED REFS C AND D, EXCEPT THAT BULGARIANS STILL SEARCHING FOR CORRECT TRANSLATION OF "FACILITIES" (ARTICLE II, PARA 2B). IN ONE CASE (ARTICLE IV) IT WAS AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO FOLLOW THE WORD ORDER OF THE BULGARIAN. RATHER THAN THE ENGLISH TEXT. BULGARIAN SIDE PROPOSED ONE NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN WORD ORDER. TO WHICH WE ALSO AGREED AD REFERENDUM. SESSION DISPELLED CONCERNS GOB MIGHT HAVE BEEN EDITING BULGARIAN VERSION OF AGREEMENT TO PRODUCE A DRAFT MORE TO ITS LIKING. PROGRAM DOCUMENT NEGOTIATION AND FINAL SIGNING SCENARIOS WILL BE DISCUSSED SEPTELS. FULL ENGLISH TEXT AS AGREED AUGUST 20 ALSO RE-SUBMITTED SEPTEL. REQUEST PERMISSION TO INITIAL AT MUTUALLY AGREED TIME, AS PER REF A. END SUMMARY

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2. ACCOMPANIED BY DCM AND P&C OFFICER, AMBASSADOR

MET WITH BULGARIAN TEAM HEADED BY CHAVDAR DAMYANOV AUGUST 20 AND REACHED QUICK AGREEMENT POINTS RAISED REFS C AND D. TAKING THESE POINTS IN ORDER OF ARTICLES:

A. PREAMBLE, THIRD PARAGRAPH: DAMYANOV SAID "ARTS" AND "SPORTS" HAD BEEN OMITTED FROM BULGARIAN TEXT THROUGH SIMPLE CLERICAL ERROR AND WOULD BE INSERTED.

B. ARTICLE II, 1E: DAMYANOV AGREED BULGARIAN
TEXT SHOULD READ "OF THE OTHER COUNTRY" ("NA DRUGATA
STRANA") RATHER THAN "OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRY."

C. ARTICLE II, 2B: DAMYANOV AGREED BULGARIAN TEXT "INCLUDING FACILITATIONS ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT" WAS A MISTRANSLATION OF THE ENGLISH TEXT PHRASE "INCLUDING FACILITIES OF EACH GOVERNMENT." HOWEVER, HE AND HIS TEAM COULD NOT AGREE AS TO WHICH BULGARIAN WORD WOULD BEST TRANSLATE THE ENGLISH "FACILITIES". (WE AND OUR TRANSLATION STAFF HAD SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES.) HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT THE BEST LEXICOGRAPHICAL AUTHORITY AND INFORM US. IN ANY CASE, THE POINT THAT THE WORD TO BE TRANSLATED IS "FACILITIES" AND NOT "FACILITATIONS" IS FULLY ACCEPTED. DAMYANOV ALSO AGREED THAT THE USE OF A COLON AFTER THE WORD "MUSEUMS" IN THE BULGARIAN TEXT IS A MISTAKE, AND IT WILL BE REPLACED BY A COMMA.

D. ARTICLE III, FIRST PARA, FIRST SENTENCE:
DAMYANOV AGREED TO INSERT THE WORD "APPROPRIATE" BETWEEN
"PROVIDING" AND "OPPORTUNITIES" IN THE BULGARIAN TEXT
SO THAT IT, LIKE THE ENGLISH TEXT, WILL READ "BY
PROVIDING APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTACTS AND
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE
TWO COUNTRIES."

E. ARTICLE IV, LAST SENTENCE: DAMYANOV UNDERSTOOD OUR POINT THAT THE WORD ORDER IN THE ENGLISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND BULGARIAN TEXTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PHRASE BZON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION" IS NOTTHE SAME, BUT ARGUED THAT (IN BULGARIAN AT LEAST) IT MADE MORE SENSE TO STATE THE SUBJECT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BEFORE STATING THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES CONCLUDING SUCH A MEMORANDUM. WEBELIEVE THIS MAKES SENSE AND RECOMMEND THAT THE ENGLISH FOLLOW THE BULGARIAN WORD ORDER WITH RESPECT TO PLACEMENT

OF THE PHRASE, "ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION."

F. ARTICLE VI, FIRST SENTENCE: DAMYANOV AGREED TO INSERT THE WORDS "AS APPROPRIATE" IN THE BULGARIAN TEXT SO THAT IT WOULD READ "TO CONSIDER FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND, AS APPROPRIATE, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS."

G. ARTICLE VI, SECOND SENTENCE: DAMYANOV AGREED TO THE SUBSTITUTION OF "THIS" FOR "THE" SO THAT BOTH TEXTS WOULD READ "CONDUCT OTHER NECESSARY TASKS TO IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT." WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IN ARTICLE VI, THE BULGARIAN TEXT USES BOTH "SPORAZUMENIETO" AND "SPOGODBA" TO RENDER THE WORD AGREEMENT. HE TOOK THE POINT AND SAID THE BULGARIAN TEXT WILL USE "SPOGODBA" THROUGHOUT.

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H. ARTICLE VIII, FIRST SENTENCE: WE NOTED THE CHANGE FROM "WILL" TO "SHALL" IN THE ENGLISH TEXT (THE BULGARIAN TEXT REMAINS THE SAME SINCE "SHTE VLEZE" TRANSLATES AS EITHER SHALL OR WILL), AND DAMYANOV AGREED TO ADD THE WORDS "FROM SUCH DATE" AT THE END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE.

I. FINAL CLAUSE: DAMYANOV AGREED TO ADDITION OF WORDS "IN DUPLICATE" AND "TEXTS BEING" IN BOTH THE ENGLISH AND BULGARIAN TEXTS.

J. OTHER POINTS: DAMYANOV AGREED TO SUBSTITUTE "AND SO FORTH" FOR "ETC." WHEREVER THE LATTER APPEARS IN THE MARCH 19TH TEXT, AND AGREED AS WELL THAT THE AMERICAN TEXT SHOULD PLACE THE USG FIRST AND THE BULGARIAN TEXT THE GOB FIRST, THE SAME PRINCIPLE HOLDING TRUE FOR REFERENCES TO "THE AMERICAN AND BULGARIAN PEOPLES" IN THE REST OF THE PREAMBLE AND, MUTATIS MUTANDIS, ELSEWHERE IN THE DOCUMENT

3. FOREGOING TOOK CARE OF ALL POINTS RAISED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS REFS C AND D. DAMYANOV PROPOSED ONE CHANGE OF HIS OWN. ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRINCIPLE OF GOING FROM THE GENERAL TO THE PARTICULAR, DAMYANOV REQUESTED THAT REFERENCES IN ARTICLES I AND II TO "CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES" BE REVISED TO READ "CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES." SIMILARLY, HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE "INDIVIDUALS" LISTED LAST IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE III, SO THAT IT WOULD READ "CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES BETWEEN ENTERPRISES, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES." CONSIDERING THAT OUR POINT IS SUFFICIENTLY MADE JUST SO LONG AS "INDIVIDUALS" IS SPECIFICALLY LISTED, AND THAT THE ORDER OF APPEARANCE IS IN NO WAY CRITICAL, AMBASSADOR AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO THIS CHANGE.

4. WE ARE SUBMITTING SEPTEL A FULL ENGLISH TEXT OF WHAT WE WILL NOW REFER TO AS THE DRRAFT OF AUGUST 20. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE YET TO BE INFORMED AS TO THE SPECIFIC WORD THE BULGARIANS WILL USE TO TRANSLATE "FACILITIES", WE BELIEVE THAT ALL OUR CONCERNS HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN CARE OF AND REQUEST PERMISSION FOR AMBASSADOR TO INITIAL TEXT. WE WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN A TIME HAS BEEN MUTUALLY AGREED. OUR FURTHER THOUGHTS ON NEGOTIATING A PROGRAM DOCUMENT AND ON A SIGNING CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON WILL BE SUBMITTED SEPTEL. HERZ

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